

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : The comparative information about cost of operation, revenue etc. in respect of the buses of the Corporation is at below :

(per K.M. in paise)

	From April '85 to January '86 <i>i.e.</i> before fare revision	From April '86 to January '87 <i>i.e.</i> after fare revision
Net operating cost	441	467
Net operating revenue	211	340
Net operational losses (excluding interest and depreciation)	230	127

Improvement of Basic Amenities to Passengers in Trains

2469. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE :
PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the condition of coaches, cleanliness of the compartments and the quality of food supplied in trains has been deteriorating despite various measures taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether any review has been made to ascertain the extent of the basic amenities which are lacking for the travelling passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the machinery responsible for providing and looking after the basic amenities for the railway passengers and the periodicity of checks conducted, if any, to meet the deficiencies wherever noticed; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to remove the deficiencies and to

improve the overall performance of the organisation responsible in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There has been no deterioration in this respect. Every effort, however, is being made to effect further improvements.

(b) Scales of amenities have been prescribed. Every effort is made to ensure that these standards are followed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railways have well established, detailed and time tested procedures/systems/maintenance schedules involving multiple checks at every stage.

(e) Constant efforts are made to improve the overall performance of Railways specially provision of passenger amenities and other user amenities. Exclusive budgetary provision of Rs. 9 crores was made in 1986-87, for this purpose.

Railway over bridges in Punjab

2470. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway over bridges constructed in Punjab;

(b) whether Government propose to construct more Railway over bridges to meet the public demand and ease traffic in that State; and

(c) if so, the names of places included for the construction of Railway over bridge in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Three road over bridges in replacement of busy level crossings have been constructed in Punjab during the last five years.

(b) Yes, Sir. Subject to the State Government sponsoring the proposal, according priority and ensuring provision of funds for their share of the cost.

(c) Work of Road over Bridge at Bhatinda is in progress. A road over bridge near Ludhiana is proposed in the Railways' Budget of 1987-88.

Reorganization of Air Services.

2471. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the internal routes on which Air India operates;

(b) the foreign routes on which Indian Airlines operates; and

(c) whether Government are considering any scheme for the reorganisation of air services with the country in order to make it more efficient, punctual and for providing better service to the passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). The requisite information is given in the statement given below.

(c) No reorganisation of air services is under consideration, at present.

Statement

(a) Air India operates on the following domestic sectors :

- (i) Bombay—Delhi
- (ii) Delhi—Bombay
- (iii) Bombay—Madras
- (iv) Madras—Bombay
- (v) Bombay—Calcutta
- (vi) Calcutta—Bombay
- (vii) Bombay—Hyderabad
- (viii) Hyderabad—Bombay
- (ix) Bombay—Trivandrum
- (x) Trivandrum—Bombay
- (xi) Delhi—Calcutta

(xii) Calcutta—Delhi

(xiii) Goa—Trivandrum

(xiv) Trivandrum—Goa

(b) The foreign routes on which Indian Airlines operates are :

- (i) Delhi—Lahore
- (ii) Delhi—Karachi
- (iii) Delhi—Kabul
- (iv) Delhi—Kathmandu
- (v) Bombay—Karachi
- (vi) Bombay—Colombo
- (vii) Trivandrum—Male
- (viii) Trivandrum—Colombo
- (ix) Trichi—Colombo
- (x) Madras—Colombo
- (xi) Calcutta—Dhaka
- (xii) Calcutta—Chhittagong
- (xiii) Calcutta—Bangkok
- (xiv) Calcutta—Kathmandu
- (xv) Patna—Kathmandu
- (xvi) Varanasi—Kathmandu

Health Hazards due to Instant Foods

2472. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of new health hazards posed by multinationals on account of instant food;

(b) whether some colours, anti-oxidants and other chemicals which have been banned in other countries are being used in instant food marketed in India by some multinationals;

(c) whether these instant foods like noodles and instant coffee contain substances